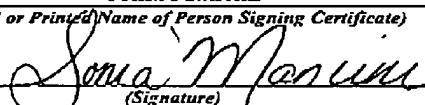


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This correspondence is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due dated November 26, 2004.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the art submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement and associated PTO Form 1449 mailed November 8, 2004 and received by the USPTO on November 10, 2004 (see IFW in PAIR). Applicants also respectfully request a copy of a fully initialed PTO Form 1449 and a supplemental Notice of Allowance.

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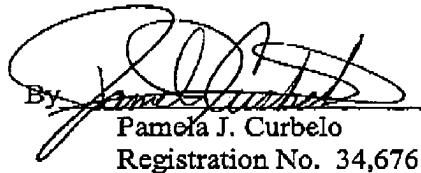
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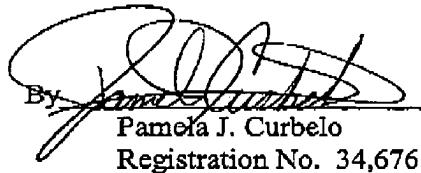
Claims 2 – 11 and 43 – 70 have been allowed. In the Examiner's reasons for allowance, it is stated that "the plate includes a plurality of raised portions concentrically disposed thereon and receive compression members are there between." (Notice of Allowance, Page 3). Applicants note that the claim element is not that the raised portions "receive compression members", but that the "raised portions being configured to receive compression members therebetween". (Claims 4 and 60).

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